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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 HOUTAN PETROLEUM, INC.)	Case No. 3:07-cv-5627 SC
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13 Plaintiff,)	<u>DEFENDANT AND COUNTER-</u>
)	<u>PLAINTIFF CONOCOPHILLIPS</u>
14 vs.)	<u>COMPANY'S STATUS REPORT AND</u>
)	<u>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PRETRIAL</u>
15 CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, a Texas)	<u>CONFERENCE</u>
corporation and DOES 1 through 10,)	
16 Inclusive)	
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17 Defendants.)	
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19 On March 12, 2008, the parties completed a settlement conference before Magistrate
20 Judge Larson. The case did not resolve. Accordingly, Defendant and Counter-Plaintiff
21 ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips") requests that the Court schedule trial at the Court's
22 earliest convenience.¹

23 In addition, the parties have filed motions in limine and other pretrial motions in
24 accordance with the Court's previous trial scheduling order. Certain of those motions (i.e.,
25 ConocoPhillips' Motions in Limine Nos. 1-3 (Docket Nos. 54-56)) could be case dispositive or
26 have a significant impact on the issues remaining for trial. Accordingly, ConocoPhillips further
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28 ¹ ConocoPhillips respectfully requests that the Court not set trial for the week of March 31, as its
lead trial counsel will be traveling outside the state during that week.

1 requests that the Court schedule, in advance of the trial, a Pretrial Conference or Status
2 Conference at which the parties may address motions in limine and other appropriate pretrial
3 matters.

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5 Dated: March 19, 2008


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